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Preliminary Amendment

CLEAN AMENDED PARAGRAPHS/SECTIONS/CLAIMS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please ADD the following new paragraph just prior to
the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 16:

a/ FIG. 6 is a schematic diagram representing a model of
a path traversed by the buffer insertion system of FIGS. 1 and
2 from the driving cell to a receiving cell of FIG. 5.